

had used cocaine, crack cocaine and hallucinogens.

It goes on: "These revelations by Secret Service agents, combined with Mr. McCurry's comments," which we have all talked about earlier, "are, I think, emblematic of the Clinton administration's cavalier and indifferent attitude toward illegal drug use. The Clinton administration does not seem to care about this issue. They seem unwilling to take a strong and unambiguous stand against drug use. And this Nation is now paying a very heavy price for the Clinton administration's indifference in terms of wrecked and lost lives."

This is the point I want to underscore over and over. We are not talking about just reciting numbers of increase, et cetera. We are talking about some kid in your family, somebody that lives next door, somebody you work with, that you know and care about. Every one of these 2 million new families that are experiencing drug use in their family are just like somebody we know, or they may be somebody we know.

It is time for the White House to put the bully pulpit to work, calling on our youth across this land to be knowledgeable and understanding of the fact that drugs will ruin their lives and forever change their futures.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, it was on Friday, February 23, 1996, that the Federal debt broke the \$5 trillion sound barrier for the first time in history. The records show that on that day, at the close of business, the debt stood at \$5,017,056,630,040.53.

Twenty years earlier, in 1976, the Federal debt stood at \$629 billion, after the first 200 years of America's history, including two world wars. The total 1976 Federal debt, I repeat, stood at \$629 billion.

Then the big spenders really went to work and the interest on the Federal debt really began to take off—and, presto, during the past 2 decades the Federal debt has soared into the stratosphere, increasing by more than \$4 trillion in 2 decades—from 1976 to 1996.

So, Mr. President, as of the close of business Friday, July 26, the Federal debt stood—down-to-the-penny—at \$5,181,675,045,058.46. On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$19,525.25 as his or her share of that debt.

This enormous debt is a festering, escalating burden on all citizens and especially it is jeopardizing the liberty of our children and grandchildren. As Jefferson once warned, "to preserve [our] independence, we must not let our leaders load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude." Isn't it about time that Congress heeded the wise words of the author of the Declaration of Independence?

JONES ACT WAIVERS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce be immediately discharged from further consideration of the following bills: S. 1924 and S. 1933.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of these bills, and the following bills on the legislative calendar, en bloc: Calendar Order Nos. 76 through 90, 308 through 328, 478 through 482, and 519 through 538.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COVERDELL. I further ask unanimous consent that the bills be deemed read the third time and passed, and a motion to reconsider all actions be deemed made and laid upon the table en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COVERDELL. I note at this point these measures are Jones Act Waivers, and they have all been cleared by the Democratic leadership.

CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE VESSEL "DAMN YANKEE"

The bill (S. 1924) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Damn Yankee*, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 1924

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding sections 12106, 12107, and 12108 of title 46, United States Code, and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 883), as applicable on the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsements for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel DAMN YANKEE (vessel number 263611).

CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION FOR CERTAIN VESSELS

The bill (S. 1933) to authorize a certificate of documentation for certain vessels, and for other purposes, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 1933

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CERTIFICATES OF DOCUMENTATION.

Notwithstanding section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. App. 883), section 8 of the Act of June 19, 1886 (24 Stat. 81, chapter 421; 46 U.S.C. App. 289), and sections 12106 through 12108 of title 46, United States Code, the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation

with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for each of the following vessels:

(1) The vessel RELENTLESS, United States official number 287008.

(2) The vessel TECUMSEH, United States official number 668633.

(3) The vessel POLICY MAKER III, United States official number 569223.

(4) The vessel QUIET SQUAW, United States official number 998717.

CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE VESSEL "BAGGER"

The bill (S. 84) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Bagger*, and for other purposes, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 84

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION.

Notwithstanding sections 12106 through 12108 of title 46, United States Code, and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. App. 883), the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel BAGGER, hull identification number 3121125, and State of Hawaii registration number HA1809E.

CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE VESSEL "L.R. BEATTIE"

The bill (S. 172) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel *L.R. Beattie*, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 172

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION.

Notwithstanding sections 12106, 12107, and 12108 of title 46, United States Code, and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 883), as applicable on the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel L. R. BEATTIE, United States official number 904161.

CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE VESSEL "SHAMROCK V"

The bill (S. 212) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Shamrock V*, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 212

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding sections 12106, 12107, and 12108 of title 46, United States Code, and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 883), as applicable on the date of enactment